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Committee against Torture

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment,[1]

Welcoming the work of the Committee against Torture,

Regretting the persistent backlog of reports of States parties and individual communications awaiting consideration, which prevent the Committee from considering reports and communications in a timely manner and without undue delay,

Noting the request of the Committee that the General Assembly authorize an extension of its meeting time,

Noting also that the Committee has only 10 members and currently only meets for two sessions of three weeks a year,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* for the efforts made so far by the Committee to improve the efficiency of its working methods, including with a view to further harmonizing the working methods of the treaty bodies, and encourages the Committee to continue its activities in this regard;

2. *Decides* to authorize the Committee to meet for an additional week per session as a temporary measure, with effect from May 2011 until end November 2012.

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1465, No. 24841.

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